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Vice Mayor Jackson Welcomes Freshmen

by Yolanda Jones

Unity, racism and the purpose of an education raised the consciousness of the freshman at the welcoming program last Thursday night in Sister's Chapel.

Atlanta vice mayor Maynard Jackson headed the list of speakers. He urged the standing room only crowd to get involved by "being the solutions" to the problems of Atlanta. The Morehouse College graduate labeled Atlanta as the Black Mecca of the nation. He cited the Atlanta University Center as the largest center of higher learning in the world.

He did, however reveal the city's shortcomings by the oppression in the black community. Jackson unfolded examples of brutality by the police and compared it to the

regal treatment of whites. He stated that crime was the growing problem in Atlanta that cripples the black community more than the white community.

"If one is black, chances of being robbed are five times higher. If one is black, his chances of his car being stolen are four times higher. If one is black, chances of being raped are four times higher," he said.

The vice mayor persuaded students to use their political power to fight oppression. By registering to vote in Atlanta he said "we could take care of business in your new city."

"If a black man or woman says they believe in freedom - and doesn't

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New Faces on Faculty

New students are not the only new faces that will enhance the Spelman campus this fall. The others will be the new faculty members; some returning and others brand new to the Spelman family.

There are fifteen new instructors and four that are returning to Spelman.

Those returning are: Mrs. Lydia Brown, lecturer in religion and philosophy; Mrs. Etta Falconer, professor, of mathematics; Mrs. Patricia J. Lowery, instructor of English; and Mrs. Mercedes S. Gamoreia, instructor of Spanish.

The fifteen newcomers: Mrs. Delores P. Aldridge, lecturer in sociology; Miss Eleanor Bradley, lecturer in education; William B. Chapel, French instructor; Miss Lois Ann Clark, instructor of education; Miss Janet L. Douglass, lecturer in sociology; Brian W. Finch, lecturer in economics; Miss Claudia Howell, instructor in reading; Mrs. Mayme F. Jeffries, instructor in reading; Miss Claudia T. Jones, instructor in sociology.

Alston Lambert, professor in music; Mrs. Florence Mahoney, visiting Fulbright professor of history; Mrs. Pazedath Nagambal, instructor in mathematics; Robert E. Purdue, professor in history; Mrs. Janice Reynolds, instructor in physical education; and Robert Straight, instructor in art.

There are four new staff members in the business office; three new additions to the counseling services; four new clerical workers; five new resident directors; and two new nurses.



BIG SISTERS HELP OUT 1

Entertainment Highlights Freshmen's Week

After a busy orientation week, Spelman freshman should feel right at home and in the swing of things. It started Sunday, August 28, and was a week filled with entertainment as well as important political and education functions.

Arriving here Sunday, freshman found a fashion show and picnic awaiting them at six o'clock that evening. The show, coordinated by Andi Bryant and Anita Riddle, offered fashions for the busy life of the Spelmanite. Upperclassmen were the models that entertained the audience on Bessie Strong's lawn.

At seven o'clock Monday evening in Sister Chapel Mrs. Audrey Forbes-Manley, wife of Spelman president, Dr. Albert Manley, welcomed the freshman. The Spelman graduate invited the little sisters to Reynolds cottage if they ever needed her assistance. Dean Naomi Chivers followed with a welcoming speech that encouraged them to make the most of the next four years.

Mrs. Marva Tanner, director of financial aid told the audience about the general financial aid offers available and

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Angela Davis Nov. 9

Dorm; Student Center Under Construction

Do a giant crane, hammers, and seventy five workmen's voices wake you up at the crack of dawn? Well just try to bear with it for the next eight or nine months, because that's how long that racket will be going on.

According to the head supervisor of the construction projects, Dwight Brown, the buildings may be completed by April or May of next

year. Brown and Ord Hunt, resident engineer, represent the Capitol Construction Company who are in charge of the operation. Housing and Urban Development gave \$29,900.00 for the project.

The construction company site facing Manley and Howard - Harrell Halls will be a student Union Building. The first

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Dormitory Repairs To Be Completed By Sept. 15

Each new year is full of pleasant surprises. But the surprise of finding your room in a mess is not so pleasant.

According to Mr. Tom Short, head of Building and grounds, the damage done to the dormitories was caused by Model Cities Students who stayed here over the summer. He says that minor repairs were overlooked in order to correct the major damage.

Even though closet doors have fallen off, window screens don't fit properly, and some doors have to be kicked to get in, Mr. Short is working on the problem. "All repairs should be through by September 15," he said.

So students, we must suffer a new inconveniences until Building and Grounds can fix up the place.

A total way of life

Involvement comes in many areas. Specifically they are social political, and spiritual. These three areas are closely interrelated and only by achieving all three can one become totally involved.

Social involvement takes on many aspects. Meeting people and exchanging ideas and culture. But there is one necessary ingredient--involvement--if the exchange is meaningful.

Without involvement, the interaction between two or more people is nothing more than a sham, a fake, a hoax. It will only breed mistrust and hinder maturation.

If you are for real, and will get involved with another person, then you will grow.

On the otherside of the coin social involvement also consists of party and other "social" events.

However, life is not a party, it is a struggle. You struggle for that first breath of life at birth until the last breath at death.

Here at Spelman, social things will not in itself present a struggle at first. There are never any struggles for Alice (s) in Wonderland.

However there will come a time when the good fairy (your parents, friends etc.) cannot wave a magic wand and wipe out all the troubles which can and will arise.

But getting involved socially this way can stunt your maturity.

Political involvement raises the struggle onto a higher level. As Chairman Mao Tse Tung teaches, political awareness comes in various stages or levels. Each level not only heightens the political consciousness, it also raises the level of involvement and struggle.

As one progress on to each level, she finds each facet of life a harder struggle. Her involvement is increased so greatly that it ultimately becomes total involvement.

For poor, black and oppressed people, total involvement is the only way for total liberation.

And this is the area that we must give serious and active contemplation. No "armchair revolutionaries" get totally involved. We as Spelman women who will become educators of a nation must make that total involvement and commitment.

With political involvement and struggle there is a reward; unlike social involvement.

Spiritual involvement is the last--and at the same time the first and second.

If the spirit is strong, the concern, struggle, involvement will be meaningful. If the spirit is broken, concern, struggle, involvement will not be done.

No one wants a half-hearted attempt dealing with the struggle.

Therefore, spiritual involvement is important. When the spirit is strong, no struggle or involvement is too great. The struggle can be met face on and surmounted.

How do all these things apply to us here at Spelman? It applies to campus and community.

On Spelman's campus and the Atlanta University Center there are many organizations some active, many inactive. Some that are service groups and others that are social groups.

If you have a special interest, get involved. Only through involvement and struggle can you enrich your life and the lives of others.

Struggle with the clubs that have weak programs. Deal with the advisor who is blinded by tradition and cannot see your new, fresh, innovative ideas. Only through your involvement and struggle can you bring about change on this campus and in the community.

In the classroom, get involved and struggle. Read the assignments, debate contradictions that arise between what you read or are taught, and what you consider to be fact.

Struggle in the classroom and siphon everything from everybody. Then and only then can you begin the liberation of your own mind and the minds of others.

In the community, your involvement is important and different. There won't be anytime for half-stepping and jiving around. People in the community are serious and for real. They have no time for half hearted attempts.

But if you get involved your reward will be great. It will be the expansion of your mind and keeping in contact with the real world.

Community involvement can be done in the Atlanta area. It can involve tutoring inner city kids with the Atlanta Street Academy (formerly the Postal Street Academy). It can involve teaching African art or music with the Pan African Work Center. It can involve teaching and feeding kids in Vine City with the Black Panther Party.

EDITORIALS

Struggle for Black Womanhood

Welcome to another stage of our struggle for Black womanhood. It is very important this year the Spelman sisters clearly know and understand that we must move from a decade of silence and move to advance our struggle. But let us not be deceived that our struggle can only lie with Black people, for unless all people are free, Black people cannot be free. If Black people are not prepared to lead the nation then Black people are not prepared to lead Black people.

This year is a political year and Spelman will be involved. We have been working with NAACP during the summer in an attempt to organize a workable Voter Registration Project for Spelman. I am hoping that many of us will work at sophisticated levels with Andrew Young's Campaign and that students would move beyond the level of just leafletting.

Because I believe in freedom and in the dream of Martin Luther King who was a radical in his

own right; but he knew and understood the complexities of a people acquiring both their mental and physical freedom, Spelman sisters must have a choice. So this year we will be bringing speakers and activities to this campus so that our sisters will have the needed exposure to life to make the correct choice to lead a people. On Sept. 18 Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm will come to us and on Nov. 9 Sister Angela Davis will speak to us. Later in April we will have Howard Moore and others. We have extended invitations to Mrs. Coretta King, and Sister Barbara Jordan, the first black female senator from the State of Texas.

We are planning a Black Student Convention here in Atlanta with the cooperation of the other schools in the AU Center. For the Black Students Convention, we have invited people who have been in the movement a long time and also many

who have just discovered their way.

Before any of these events can be successful or any of these people warmly received, Spelman must once again rise in spirit and raise our standards and honors. We must not be deterred by our brothers, sisters, or white people in attempting to bind our hearts in the struggle for our people.

Though many things have become fashionable in the era of Black awareness it is important to know that Spelman has been involved with our Motherland since 1889 when Nora Gordon went to the Congo at a time when it was far from fashionable to go to Africa. Let us not be deceived by the rhetoric of Ultra-Blacks who seek to make you ashamed of the heritage here at Spelman.

Even though two white initiators were involved in the founding of this school, Rev. Frank Quales, a Black minister gave his life so that this school might survive here in Atlanta. The Black ministers and the many illiterate Blacks banded together here in Atlanta so that Spelman might live and grow. So let's don't anger immobilize us, nor frustrations render us hopeless. Let us not despair for our task is great ahead of us. Our reach must exceed our grasp for Spelman's standards and honors we must raise to lead our people out of a decade of darkness. Spelman freshmen Week was a success thanks to the hard work that Spelman Sisters put into the task of welcoming our new Sisters.

Once I Knew An Artist

by Sylvia Vanderbuilt

Feel, he said and I felt the absurdity of my being the pain of my generation the mock of my society the truth of my world.

Move, he said and I moved with the turbulent wind with the scorching sun with the howling night with the pouring rain.

Love, he said and I loved the growth within me the life around me the earth beneath me His Humanness for me

See, he said and I saw that I must share what he had given me.

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COMMENTS

SPOTLIGHT BOOK SHELF

Book Review

You can taste the bitterness of the tears she has shed, and feel the piercing moans that she so soulfully utters. Her name is Maya Angelou, and her plea is "Just Give Me a Cool Drink of Water 'fore I Diiie." In this book of poems, she explores the world of Black survival and the essence of Black love.

face
She came down creeping
She came home blameless
black yet as Hagar's daughter
tall as was Sheba's daughter
threats of northern winds
die on the desert's face
She came home blameless

The Mothering Blackness
She came home running
back to the mothering blackness
Deep in that smothering blackness
white tears icicle gold
plains of her face
She came home running
She came down creeping
here to the black arms
waiting
now to the warm heart
waiting
Rime of alien dreams be-
frosted her rich brown

Maya Angelou feels from the heart and writes from the soul. She speaks in a bitter-sweet voice that will continue to be heard for as long as the world is in existence. In her poetry, one can feel all the loneliness, pride, rage and love that she herself has experienced. Miss Angelou speaks in tone of anguish, warmth and love. She quietly but poignantly delves into the inner most regions of the soul, and makes the bitter-sweet plea "Just Give Me A Cool Drink of Water 'fore I Diiie."

Freshman Week

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stressed their responsibility toward their student accounts. The evening concluded with a message from Student Government Association President, Annette Hutchins and a song-fest of Spelman songs on the lawn. Vice mayor of Atlanta, Maynard Jackson, welcomed a standing room only crowd that Tuesday night in Sisters' Chapel.

from the Mine Shaft, a high spot in Underground Atlanta. From Don Clendennons on Hunter Street came Dave Whitfield who captivated the audience with his bass voice. The Electric Modification, a group of young men from Atlanta, thrilled the audience with their instrumental versions of popular tunes. Charles Mann, a Morehouse College graduate, sung his own "Be Real Black For Me."

A "Soul Expedition '72" brought local talent from Atlanta to the Spelman campus. John Broomfield from WAOB emceed the show which featured Liz Spraggins, a vocalist

Other activities planned for Spelman freshman week were a tour of the city, freshman and upperclassmen talent shows, and a trip to Six Flags Over Georgia.

Dorm; Student Center

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floor will house day students lounges, lockers, bathrooms, the bookstore, the post office and a coffee shop. Also sharing space on the first floor will be offices for the school newspaper, The Spotlight, the yearbook, Reflections, and the Student Government offices. The Dean and Assistant Dean's offices will be located on the second floor. Students will eat their daily meals in the dining area on the second floor. On this floor will

be a kitchen and records (tests, papers, reports, etc.) office.

At the rear of Manley and Howard Harrell Halls will be a four-story dormitory. The dorm will be sectioned off in units for group living. There will be kitchenettes, single rooms, double rooms, lounges and bathrooms in each unit. Kimono rooms will have built-in ironing boards and will be on the first floor with washrooms, trunk and shampoo rooms.



ANTICIPATION

Finally, it came, that anticipated arrival at Spelman. Months of wondering ceased, and tedious packing was forgotten. Only this question remained - "What is Spelman like?"

Some new Spelmanites revealed their answers to this question:

Jerilyn Horne - Morehouse Hall - Pittsburgh, Pa.

"Socially, I think it's a pretty hip place."

Pam Williams - Packard Hall - Niagara Falls, N. Y.

"I want to get out of the Freshman Class."

Denise Duvernay - Chadwick Hall - New York, N.Y.

"As soon as I know what's here, I'll know what I want."

Denise Hartsfield - Chadwick Hall - Winston-Salem, N. C.

"Being able to meet a lot of people will help you to know yourself."

Camile Barber - Chadwick Hall - Kansas City

"I want to see if this

place will help me grow."

Toya Evans - Chadwick Hall - New York, N.Y.

"Reading the catalogue, it has everything I want. The whole experience will be what you make it."

Wanda Malone - Morehouse Hall -

"The girls have been just great. I really think it is a matter of getting things straight."

Goldie Diggs
"I like the atmosphere."

Jackson Welcomes Freshmen

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register to vote, they are telling a lie."

Other student government presidents from the Atlanta University Center briefed the audience on their hopes for this school year.

Morris Brown's vice president, Maynard Benson stresses unity in hopes of a centerwide newspaper and student government association. He said that Morris Brown's SGA will aim for a close student faculty relationship.

Curley Dobson, Morehouse SGA president kept with the atmosphere of the evening by disclosing to students the effectiveness of political and social involvement. Dobson said that students could "get it all together" and should be involved in their student governments this year.

Spelman SGA president Annette Hutchins presented the remainder of the speakers for the evening by saying "students don't have clear perspectives of the black

movement and black history."

In giving a brief history, Reverend Bernard Lee, from the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC,) showed the nonviolent civil rights struggle SCLC has persuaded in the South. He said the Voting Rights Act came as a result of the march in Selma, Alabama. Rev. Lee felt that the vote in the South "was dear and precious because we have fought." Lee gave due credit to whites who died and fought for civil rights in the South. He attacked present President States policies, particularly those in Southeast Asia.

Tom Porter, executive director of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Non-violent Social Change, addressed the group. He elaborated on the views of the late Dr. King in an attempt to motivate the students to act. Porter said that education was a serious journey. He extended it by quoting King as saying

"as long as the mind is enslaved, the body can never be free."

Speaking to the audience, Porter said "Your task is to change the world."

The successes of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) were told by Mrs. Ruby Hurley, NAACP Southern Regional Director. Mrs. Hurley said the NAACP has worked for change. She gave personal experiences dealing with discrimination in Atlanta. Fleda Mask, a Spelman senior provided entertainment midway the program by singing a medley of "Bridge Over Troubled Waters" and "You Got A Friend."

The Free For All Baptist Church Choir concluded the evening by singing several gospel numbers.

REGISTER TO VOTE TODAY

Jamaica . . . the other side

by Kathy Jackson

This past summer a group of 12 Spelman students and a member of the Spelman faculty visited the island of Jamaica, land of sea, sun, and suffering. The Spelmanites were part of a Creative Writing Workshop that was a joint venture of Spelman College and the University of the West Indies in Kingston.

It is interesting to note that the Spelman sisters were able to live as average students in Jamaica, and not as the average tourist, which made a great difference in the things that they saw. The sisters saw all the regular attractions, such as the Crafts Market of Jamaica, the home of the Prime Minister, and the Institute of Jamaica. But the sisters were also able to talk to the common people, to ride buses with the working class (as opposed to the ruling class), to see the true side of Jamaica. Through lectures given at the University, the Spelmanites were briefed on Jamaican folk-culture, Jamaican government, West Indian poetry and short stories, Jamaican drama, and Jamaican art.

There were two sections of the writing workshop, fiction and poetry. The fiction section was handled by Dr. John Hearne, distinguished Jamaican short story writer and novelist. Students who wrote fiction included Diane Desmond ('72), Juanita Law ('73), and Janice Williams ('72). Those students that were interested in poetry were lectured by one of Jamaica's most celebrated poets, Dr. Edward Braithwaite, who is also chairman of the Department of History at UWI. Spelman's poets were Shirlene Evans ('73), Peggy Ferrell ('75), Laurita Henderson ('72), Jacqueline Henry ('72), Kathy Jackson ('73), Gwendolyn Mann ('75), Brenda Mays ('75), Linda Quilliam ('72), and Janice White ('72). Mrs. Millicent D. Jordan was the advisor of the group.

One of the most enjoyable parts of the entire stay was the 2 hour bus ride from Kingston, on the south side of the island, to Ocho Rios, on the north side. At Tower Isle beach in Ocho Rios, students not only enjoyed the sea and the sand, but they were serenaded by a band of roving Jamaican bandleaders. Yet as the sisters rode through the island, they could not help but notice the acute poverty that prevailed throughout the island. There were people who

lived in tin-roofed huts whose nearest water source was sometimes as far as a mile away. There were people in the center of the island who had never even seen the coast of Jamaica, even though the island is only 50 miles wide and 100 miles long at its farthest points. There was an area called West Kingston, an area called the Dungle, where the people are the poorest in the island and their only source of food is garbage scraps. Around every rich section, there is a poor section, where all the cooks, maids, gardeners, butlers, and the like live with their families.

So the entire two week visit for Spelman students was not just a Writing workshop. It was also an insight into another culture of Black brothers and sisters.

It is hoped that this will become an annual jaunt for Spelman sisters. Jamaica is a land of many people, and one appreciates things much more when one has been exposed to both the beauty and the ugliness of Jamaica, where winter never comes.

Sisters in Blackness

Welcome sisters to Atlanta, Ga., and Spelman College. --- Atlanta offers unending opportunities to become INVOLVED, through local and national organization working for the improvement of the conditions of Black people. One of our major functions will be coordinating and encouraging student participation in community activities. We will also be working closely with the SGA on various projects.

Hopefully, Sisters in Blackness will be an education and action oriented experience for you.

We must realize our responsibility as young Black women to our campus community and our Black community as a whole. We must take advantage of available opportunities to prepare ourselves to deal....

Finally, a thought for consideration, quoted from the late Dr. Kwame Nkrumah:

"The degree of a country's revolutionary awareness may be measured by the political maturity of its women."

Social Calendar

Tuesday, September 12.....Political Philosophy Night: Wade Harris Marna H. Gaston delegates to Democratic Convention.

Wednesday September 13.Seminar on Sex Education in Dormitories

Saturday, September 16.The West End Mall Fashion Show with band

Monday, September 18.Concepts of the Black Woman Politics and The Black Woman Mrs. Shirley Chisholm guest speaker

Tuesday, September 19.The Movement and the Black woman. Mrs. Coretta King, guest speaker

Wednesday, September 20.The Family and the Black woman

Thursday, September 21.Woman's Lib and The Black Woman

Thursday, September 21.Labor and the Black Woman

Friday, September 22.Woman's Lib and The Black Woman

Monday, September 25.Black Arts Week

Tuesday, September 26.Black Literature and Poetry

Freshman Views Spelman

by Denise Hartsfield

Fear and doubt prevail in the minds of most freshman coming to a new place for the first time. You wonder how the place will look, how the attitudes of the girls will be and how the dorms will look. Its a natural response, and so it was as I first came to Spelman.

Yes, I was one of the doubtful freshmen I was afraid of something new and unusual; but soon it all changed. The atmosphere was one full of Black awareness and proudness. Sisters didn't let you go astray, and guidance was rendered to all who need it. Its always a good feeling to know that someone with experience is willing to share it with you.

Leaving home and all its conveniences plays a major part in first impressions when you realize you'll be somewhere different for nine months. The old buildings, bare floors and dorm style beds I will admit present a new picture in comparison with wall to wall carpet and French Provencinal furniture. To me it made little. But total let down was shown in the form of tears and verbal protest by several of my freshmen sisters.

My major concern was getting to know people as well as my way around my new dwelling place. Acquaintances came easy enough, and the upperclassmen didn't give you any time to get lost. They were stationed everywhere, guiding you here and there.

Big Sisters Help

Freshman were not the only people that were running around trying to make it to all the activities during their week. Running ahead, beside or behind them were a group of workers that were responsible for those activities.

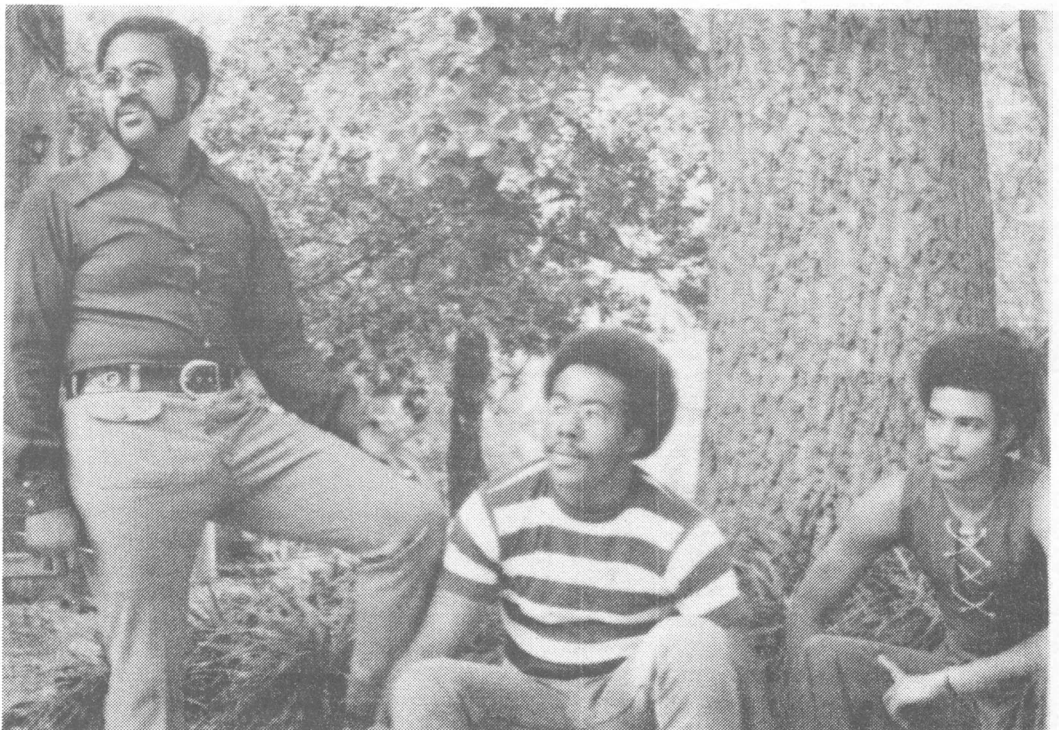
Upperclassmen, serving as freshman guides, dedicated a lot of time and effort into making freshman orientation week a success. Some of the guides along with Spelman Student Government Association president, Annette Hutchins, started to chart the week this summer.

Upperclassmen, returning from their summer vacation, took control of their designated task and finalized plans for the daily activities. From sun up to sun down caught the guides planning and preparing social, political, and education events for their little sisters.

where, guiding you here and there.

The campus itself discouraged me little if any at all. To me, the trees and green grass were inviting, thus, nature helped Spelman in its first impression.

August 27, 1972, was a big and different day in my life. It marked the beginning of an educational and social experience that I hope to cherish forever. An old cliché says that the first impression is a lasting one. In some cases that may be correct, but I am a true believer that "everything got to get better." And with sisters who are black, aware and proud, the first impression has to be pretty good and will keep getting better.



IT HAPPENS EVERY YEAR